

## CLAIMS: AVES ISLAND

*Convention signed at Valencia January 14, 1859*

*Approved by Venezuela February 1, 1859*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification February 21, 1861*

*Ratified by the President of the United States February 26, 1861*

*Entered into force February 26, 1861*

*Terminated upon fulfillment of its terms*<sup>1</sup>

18 Stat. 796; Treaty Series 368

### CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND VENEZUELA FOR SETTLEMENT OF AVES ISLAND CLAIMS

Edward A. Turpin, Minister Resident of the United States of America, and Luis Sanojo, Secretary of State in the Department of Foreign Relations of the Government of Venezuela, being duly authorized to form an equitable agreement for the satisfaction of the damages and losses sustained by Philo S. Shelton, Sampson and Tappan, and Lang and Delano, in consequence of the evictions of their agents and employees from the Aves Island by the forces of Venezuela, have agreed upon the following articles:

#### ARTICLE I

The Government of Venezuela obliges itself to pay to the Government of the United States, or to its Minister Resident in Venezuela, the gross sum of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, United States currency, (\$130,000,) of which said sum, one hundred and five thousand dollars (\$105,000) is in liquidation of the claims of Shelton, Sampson and Tappan, and is to be distributed among themselves, and the residue, that is to say, twenty-five thousand dollars, (\$25,000,) is in liquidation of claims of Lang and Delano.

#### ARTICLE II

The said sum of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, shall be paid in the following terms:

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<sup>1</sup> For a discussion of the payments and a detailed study of this convention, see 8 Miller 137.

1859.	{ 1st June.....				2, 500
	{ 1st August.....				2, 500
	{ 1st October.....				2, 500
	{ 1st December.....				2, 500
					<u>\$10, 000</u>
	For Shelton & Co.:			For Lang & Delano:	
1860.	{ 30 June.....	\$7, 500		2, 000	
	{ 31 December.....	<u>7, 500</u>		2, 000	
			\$15, 000		\$4, 000
1861.	{ 30 June.....	10, 000		2, 000	
	{ 31 December.....	<u>10, 000</u>		2, 000	
			20, 000		4, 000
1862.	{ 30 June.....	10, 000		2, 500	
	{ 31 December.....	<u>10, 000</u>		2, 500	
			20, 000		5, 000
1863.	{ 30 June.....	10, 000		3, 000	
	{ 31 December.....	<u>10, 000</u>		3, 000	
			20, 000		6, 000
1864.	{ 30 June.....	10, 000		3, 000	
	{ 31 December.....	<u>10, 000</u>		3, 000	
			20, 000		6, 000
			<u>\$95, 000</u>		<u>\$25, 000</u>

### ARTICLE III

## ARTICLE IV

Valencia, January the fourteenth, of eighteen hundred and fifty-nine.

E. A. TURPIN  
LUIS SANOJO